

RAT PORTAGE.

Aug. 2nd

To the Editor of the Northwest Review

The first annual excursion in aid of the C. P. R. Library and reading room at Rat Portage took place on the 28th ult which was proclaimed a civic holiday so as to afford all the townpeople an opportunity of thoroughly enjoying themselves. Although the morning had a very gloomy appearance the weather cleared up about 8 o'clock and the train started for Kewatin and returned with about three hundred and fifty persons on board. The Kewatin Lumber Co: Dick and Banning, Kennedy and Cameron and the Norman mill, all closed down to allow their men to join with the C. P. R. boys in their grand reunion. The engine was gaily decorated, bearing on the front a large emblem with 'first annual excursion to Hawk Lake' in large tin letters and numerous flags and bunting a large crown on top of the boiler also showed to great advantage. At 9.45 the train slowly pulled out with band play, flags flying and crowds cheering, having over 6 hundred people on board and as our worthy reeve remarked, we left a small home guard to protect the empty houses. The train arrived at Hawk Lake at 11. The grounds are by nature beau- tifully situated for excursion purposes, the crystal waters of Hawk Lake with its bold rocky scenery in the distance and snow white beach at hand, the woods with its shady vistas and grassy glades, were the delight of all. The committee of management left nothing undone to make the place pleasant and attractive with swings, games, boats and refreshments stands with cool and pleasant beve- rages to suit the taste of the most fastidious. The grounds were soon covered with people and the games began; the base ball match taking the lead; space will not permit to give details of the different games suffice it to say they were a success. A noticeable feature of the affair was a handsome cake dis- played under one of the tents with a large photo of the excursion train sur- mounting the top, this was a prize for the most popular man on the grounds Mr. R. Reading station agent and Mr. Jas. Slavin Loco. Forman, were nominated as candidates one hour was allowed for voting. Judge Lyons acting as um- pire, a very exciting time amongst the canvassers created a great deal of amusement, time was called and Mr. Slavin declared the winner by a majority of one hundred and sixteen votes. Judge Lyons addressed the large crowd in a very neat speech, complimenting them on the successful issue of the day and stated that he had much pleasure in stating that there had been no unpleasant hitch to the enjoyment of the day and assured the committee of manage- ment that the Rat Portage C. P. R. annual excursion was a settled fact in the future. Mr. Jas. Slavin responded in a very hearty manner closing with three cheers for Gen. Supt Egan and Master Mechanic W. L. Reed which was most heartily given by the largest crowd ever seen at Hawk Lake. The train returned to Rat Portage at 21.30 the excursion being success in every sense of the word, the committee of management deserve great credit for the able manner in which it was conducted, and the har- mony existing between the different department reflects great credit upon the different officials of the road. May the oft repeated expression of the people be fully realized that although the first we trust not the last annual excursion of the C. P. R. Library and reading room at Rat Portage.

Excursionist.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

It is said there are but 8,000 souls in the diocese of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Father Lacombe is having several reli- fous works printed in Cree and Blackfoot for distribution amongst the Indians.

Father Bodish, Chancellor of the arch- diocese of Boston, has become rector of the Cathedral in that city. Father O'Toole formerly rector, has gone to take charge of the parish of Newton, near Boston.

On July 15 the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday. As is usual, many Catholics, clerical and lay, attended at the Cardinal's house to wish him ad multo annos:

The offerings for the votive Church of the Sacred Heart on the Esquiline, Rome opposite the railway station, has already attained the sum of 160,630 francs. The workmen are now engaged in the comple- tion of the spire or campanile and the facade.

A marble bust of Father de Smet, the famous missionary among the Indian tribes of the Rocky Mountains has been pre- sented to the Chicago Historical Society. It is from the chisel of Mr. Howard Kratzschman of that city, and is highly praised as a work of art.

Father Rioux, of St. Monique, Canada who has given much remarkable evidence of talent as a painter, and whose efforts have found a place in several churches in the Dominion, has gone to Rome, where he will spend the two next years with the best masters of the Eternal City.

On the 3d of July, the chaplain of the naval academy of Leghorn, Italy, administered, presence of several officers and students, the Sacrament of Baptism to a young Birman named Kantu, who is studying there during the last six years. All his relations perished in the war bet- ween the English and the Birmans, and it was on learning this disaster that he thought of religious conversion entered into his mind, which ended in his renouncing Buddhism and embracing Christianity.

Don Luigi Sartori writes to the Sun from Upper Falls Post-Office, Baltimore Country, Md., as follows: Travelling in the East last year, from Arabia to Palestine, I met a good Armenian Catholic priest coming from Mesopotamia. Among various articles of diet he brought with

him in his journey to Constantinople there were about five pounds of manna incased in a leather bag. At his meals he partook of that food as we do of cakes. He positively maintained that such food falls from heaven as white powder two or three times a year, and is collected from the leaves of trees and from the surface of flat stones. The food when protected by leather, will keep for five or six years, I send you a piece of this manna for curiosity. I eat of this food, and it contains a great deal of sugar. From the positive description of the good priest it cannot be a natural exudation from the leaves and branches of the plant alhagi mauraum, which was believed by the early Arabian writers to have fallen from heaven. The good priest had excellent credentials. We both were allowed to say mass at the historical Franciscan convent at Jaffa.—Baltimore Sun.

Cardinal Gibbons is said to have been the youngest prelate at the Ecumenical Council in 1870, when the entire Catholic hierarchy of the world—over 900 bishops—assembled in the Vatican to vote on the question of Papal Infallibility, and his youthful but intelligent and benign face attracted much attention.

GOD BLESS YOU

God bless you my boy? Aye May you carry His blessing with you through life for the manly act which I saw you per- form to-day it was a common place thing perhaps the simple manifestations of filial affections but it indicated to me as I paused near the church door how much g-eatness and tenderness of mind and heart was displayed by our conduct as you gently led your aged mother down the steps towards the entrance to church. The trembling old parent whose whitened hair and careworn faces showed plainly why her boy should be by her side to encourage support and sustain her and lead her to pray the last great earthly boon given to the aged and infirm Catholic mother. Not one expression of false pride could I trace on your face nor fear of criticism on the well worn and simple garments which she wore. No cowardly blush on your cheek told a craven and contemptible nature that loved the respect of the better clad passers-by more than the good old mother whose slow gait bade you measure your steps by painstaking. No I saw no counterfeit bravado or compulsory heroism in your manner look or speak my little man but instead a quiet unassuming dutiful attitude all the way home as I followed what was convincing proof of the genuineness of your young head and sound heart. Pursue that principle young man and be assured that your reward will be exceeding great.

A COLORED PRIEST

His interesting history

For a long time the colored Catholics of this city have been waiting to hear Mass celebrated by a priest of their race, and on the 11 inst their wishes were gratified at the church of St. Benedict the Moor, at the corner of Bleeker and Downing streets. It was announced that the services would begin at 11 a.m. but before long that time every seat in the church was filled. Colored people old and young came from all parts of the city, and some from out of town. The Rev. Father Augustus Talton, the first and only colored Catholic priest in his country, celebrated Mass, assisted by Rev. Father Burke, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Father Burtell, of the Church of the Epiphany.

When the colored priest appeared all eyes were turned on him, and his every action was watched. He was perfectly at ease, and made a few remarks in an eloquent manner. He sang the Mass in a powerful voice that filled the whole church. He is a fine looking man, nearly six feet in height, and has the typical head and face of his race. He was born in Raus County Mo., in 1854. His fat, her and mother were slaves, and he was born in servitude. His early life during those dark days was one of hardship and suffering.

At night when others were at rest he picked up what learning he could from such stray books as came into his posses- sion. In 1860, he, with his mother and father escaped and went to Quincy Ill., where in 1861, they obtained their freedom. Augustus obtained work in a tobacco factory; and, after working all day, would spend a great part of the night in studying at the St. Francis Catholic College of Quincy. He worked and studied under these conditions for twelve years, when in 1873 he left for the tobacco factory; and, by doing odd jobs managed to devote a good part of his time to his studies, he had become a teacher of the Catechism in a Catholic Sunday school, and went to Rome, entering the Propaganda College March 12 1880. His studies there were character- ized by earnestness and exceptional in- dustry. Two years were spent in the study of philosophy and four years in the study of theology. On the 24 of last April he was ordained by Cardinal Paro, who advised him to meet his first congregation in this city, Father Talton arrived on the 6th inst., and at once went to see his old friend Father Corrigan, of St. Mary's Church, on Willow avenue Hoboken. He appeared in Father Corrigan's church at Mass several times.

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THE PRIVATE LIFE OF THE LATE ARCHBISHOP

The Paris correspondent of the Dublin Freeman writes.

Unlike three Archbishops of Paris of recent times, Cardinal Guibert has died in his bed. In 1871, when he was Arch- bishop of Tours, he showed considerable reluctance to become Archbishop of Paris. 'It is not that I fear the perilous honor,' he said to Mr. Jules Simon, who was sent to him by M. Tiers, with the offer of the Archbishopric of Paris. He did not forget that recently Mgr. Dar, boy has been shot as a hostage under the Commune; Mgr. Sibour had been assassinated on the altar steps; and that Mgr. Affre had met his death on the barricades in 1848. But, as he told M. J. Simon, he was not afraid. 'At my age one does not fear to die,' he said. 'But I am too old. I am now 97, and I have been thirty years a bishop.'

'It is old men we need,' replied the plausible Minister. 'It is old men who are building up France.'

Like many a man less wise than himself, Cardinal Guibert had a hobby. He delighted in building. In several of the towns in which he has laboured he has left some record of himself in stone. Upon occasions he could almost turn architect, mason and carpenter. When Archbishop of Tours his idea was to re-build the old historical Basilica of St Martin, which had been destroyed during the reign of Terror. His translation to the See of Paris caused him to abandon; on the undertaking, for which a million francs had been subscribed. In Paris more successful results awaited his taste for building. Beneath his eye for eleven years the Basilica of the Sacre Coeur on the heights of Montmartre has been steadily rising in atonement for the crimes of the Commune. Visitors and pilgrims from all parts of the world visit it, and when completed it will be second in national interest to no church in France. There, four years ago, Cardinal Guibert chose a grave. Only a simple inscription will mark the spot; but, as in the case of Christopher Wren, the church in which he lies will be his monument. Cardinal Guibert, as Archbishop of Paris, adhered to his almost monastic rule of life. He gave no receptions and attend, ed none, not excepting those of his old friends and fellow townsmen, M. Tiers, once he breakfasted at the Elysee, but with considerable reluctance. This was in 1873, when Marshal McMahon then President of the Republic, placed upon his head the Cardinal's hat. In conferring upon him the honor of the Cardin- ate Pius XI, with whom he was a favorite, sent him a gold cross of exquisite workmanship. The gold cross soon found a place in the treasures of Notre Dame.

Cardinal Guibert contented himself with a onehorse carriage. Once his coachman tried to tempt with the luxury of two. The man succeeded in persuading his master to buy a second horse. 'What shall we do with the other?' said the Cardinal, surveying his new purpose. 'Keep it mon signeur, the two will go better together.' 'No, my friend, that won't do. With two horses you will next want me to have a groom. Since the new horse is to be kept, you must take the other to the Little Sisters of the Poor. They will find it useful in going their rounds.' The ascetic Cardinal reserved to himself one pleasure in life. He seemed to have loved birds almost as much as did St. Francis of Assissi. It was an interesting sight to see the tall venerable-looking prelate standing in his dining room window, feeding his birds at a certain hour every day. His feathered friends were mostly sparrows but thrushes, blackbirds, and pigeons were among the number. Some would perch on his hand and arm. Cardinal Guibert and Cardinal Newman were the two oldest members of the College of Cardinals.

LA BONNE SIE. ANNE.

A Striking Miracle at the Shrine of Beaufre Quebec.—A great sensation was created throughout the city the other night by the announcement that a very striking miracle had occurred at La Bonne St. Anne in the presence of 700 pilgrims from St. Johns' suburbs, who went down to the shrine yesterday under the direction of their cure, Rev. Mr. Plamondon. A Miss Labrie, one of the Pilgrims, who for thirty years had lost the use of her legs from paralysis, and who, on going down had to be carried from the boat to the church on a chair, rose up it is said in the sight of all after mass, at which she had taken communion and venerated the relics of the saint, and walked back to the boat without assistance.

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NOTICE**Sale of Lands in the Municipality of Belcourt****IN ARREARS FOR TAXES.**

By virtue of a warrant issued by the Chairman of the Eastern Judicial District Board of the Province of Manitoba, under his hand and the Corporate Seal of the said Eastern Judicial District Board to me directed and bearing date the Seventh day of July, A.D. 1886 commanding me to levy upon the several parcels of land hereinafter mentioned and described in the Municipality of Belcourt for the arrears respectively due therupon, together with costs.

I do hereby give notice that unless the said arrears and costs be sooner paid I shall on Monday the twenty-third day of August next at the hour of ten O'clock in the forenoon of that day at scones & Co's Auction Rooms, corner of Water & Main streets, in the city of Winnipeg, in the County of Selkirk, sell by public auction so much of the said lands as may be sufficient to discharge the taxes and all charges incurred, in an amount about the sale and collections of the same as authorized by the Manitoba Municipal Act 1884 and amendments thereto.

| DESCRIPTION | SECTION. | TOWNSHIPS | RANGE | ACRES WEST. | AMOUNT OF TAXES | COST OF ADVERTISING | TOTAL. | PATENTED |
|--|----------|-----------|-------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------|----------|
| S E 1/4 of 10 and S 1/4 of S W 1/4 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 14.52 | \$2.00 | \$16.52 | | |
| N W 1/4 and W 1/4 of N E 1/4 | 15 | 11 | 4 | 30.98 | 2.00 | \$2.98 | | |
| W 1/4 of 10 and 50 Bales St. Paul 78 acres | 2 | 12 | 4 | 57.29 | 2.00 | \$5.29 | | |
| D S chs lot 100 Bales St. Paul 78 acres | | | | 7.85 | 2.00 | \$9.85 | | |
| 1/2 Bales St. Paul 125 acres | | | | 10.76 | 2.00 | \$12.76 | | |
| N E 1/4 of 33 and 1/4 of N W 1/4 of | 34 | 8 | 3 | 25.71 | 2.00 | \$2.71 | | |
| S W 1/4 of 12 and 1/4 of N W 1/4 of | 1 | 3 | 3 | 33.79 | 2.00 | \$3.79 | | |
| S W 1/4 of 5 and 1/4 of N E 1/4 of | 36 | 10 | 4 | 17.68 | 2.00 | \$19.68 | | |
| S W 1/4 and W 1/4 of N E 1/4 of | 24 | 8 | 4 | 19.28 | 2.00 | \$21.28 | | |
| E 1/4 of 12 and 1/4 of S W 1/4 of | 25 | 7 | 4 | 21.85 | 2.00 | \$23.85 | | |
| N E 1/4 of 12 and 1/4 of S E 1/4 of | 31 | 9 | 3 | 11.15 | 2.00 | \$13.15 | | |
| S E 1/4 of 12 and 1/4 of N E 1/4 of | 13 | 11 | 4 | 39.97 | 2.00 | \$41.97 | | |
| S E 1/4 of 5 and 1/4 of N E 1/4 of | 24 | 8 | 4 | 36.08 | 2.00 | \$38.08 | | |
| E 1/4 of 5 and 1/4 of N E 1/4 of | 6 | 9 | 3 | 17.56 | 2.00 | \$19.56 | | |
| N W 1/4 and W 1/4 of N E 1/4 of | 31 | 11 | 4 | 17.56 | 2.00 | \$19.56 | | |
| S W 1/4 of 7 and 1/4 of N W 1/4 of | 6 | 11 | 3 | 22.49 | 2.00 | \$22.49 | | |
| N E 1/4 of 9 and 1/4 of N W 1/4 of | 20 | 8 | 3 | 20.87 | 2.00 | \$22.87 | | |
| E 1/4 of S E 1/4 of | 35 | 9 | 3 | 22.49 | 2.00 | \$24.49 | | |
| N W 1/4 of N E 1/4 of | 18 | 11 | 3 | 24.21 | 2.00 | \$26.21 | | |
| S E 1/4 of 31 and 1/4 of N E 1/4 of | 4 | 8 | 3 | 24.27 | 2.00 | \$26.27 | | |
| S E 1/4 of 31 and 1/4 of N E 1/4 of | 20 | 11 | 3 | 22.49 | 2.00 | \$24.49 | | |
| N E 1/4 and N 1/4 of S W 1/4 of | 35 | 11 | 3 | 22.49 | 2.00 | \$24.49 | | |